**North Central Continuum of Care Meeting**

Wed. February 26th 2020 | 8:30-10:00 a.m.

Location: Conference Room 2, United Way of Marathon County - 705 S. 24th Ave., Suite 400 B, Wausau, WI 54401

**COALITION MEETING MINUTES**

1. **Welcome & Introductions** – Pam/Diane 5 min
2. **Vice-Chair Vote & Term Updates**
   * *Beth Ann has resigned from co-chair. Leadership Committee accepted resignation and voted on Interim Vice Chair in our last meeting. Vote from full coalition on interim-vice chair, Diane Sennholz, all in favor. Pam’s term is up in November, will be voting in August on changes to take place in November of 2020.*
3. **North Central Health Care Presentation** 20 min

* Presenters: Kathleen Buckli
  + *CBRF: is a 35 day program.* *Clients are brought in, given a primary care doctor (bridge clinic.) Once treatment starts, a job search is underway that will be in tandem with treatment. Next step is housing, avoiding housing programs where substance abuse may be an issue. Affordability of the housing is a barrier beyond the first month assistance from orgs like NCCAP and Catholic Charities.*
  + *Medically Monitored Treatment (Lakeside Recovery 21 day program): Program that teaches them to get steeped in the community to start learning how to avoid triggers. Teaches them self-care through partnerships with Career Closet, State College of Beauty College, local career opportunities. Graduation rate is 87% but would like to see it happen. One of the barriers is step down housing, truly sober living with treatment and counseling. 12 Months since contraband has made it past check in process. By 2021 staff will triple, will expand to 30 beds from the current 14 beds. Heroin & meth are the substances being abused.*
  + *Side Note: 8 bed youth program opening some time this summer.*

1. **Strategy for Leadership Committee**
   * Thursday, March 12th.
     + *Things have changed so revisiting 10 year plan, adjusting to the current environment. Once strategies are set we will share.*
2. **Collaborative Application**
   * Diane
     + *This should guide the work the North Central Continuum of Care is doing in the communities served. Once the application is completed, it will allow the NCCoC to see where the gaps of service are in the continua. As a result, the NCCoC may create a task force(s) in the future to address gaps. Will send a copy with minutes. Diane hopes to have a few different workgroups based on like services provided, to help complete the collaborative application.*

10 min

1. **Regional Partner Updates / Agency Updates**

* Housing and Homelessness Coalition / North Central Continuum of Care Leadership Committee – Pam/Diane
  + WIBOSCOC Update
    - *Chandra Wakefield is on the board and the director. Next quarterly meeting is in May 21st – 22nd, in Wisconsin Rapids. Panel Discussion.*
* Lincoln County
  + *HAVEN is Serving three adults and seven kids right now. Hosting an adopt a room right now for upgrades and room care.*
  + *Sisters house out of funding and unless they secure some funding they will likely be closing.*
* Wood County
  + *<< Insert Lori’s notes. >>*
* Marathon County
  + Advocacy and Awareness – Pam
    - *Bus Tour for April planning is underway.*
    - *Advocacy group will come and present at businesses or for group. Contact Pam if you’re interested in hosting.*
  + Housing Solutions – Beth Ann/Dan
    - *Next meeting is April 15th. People are welcome to join.*
    - *Mayor update on Ponderosa building. 3 proposals put forward to renovate. Emmerich was granted the property. 8 lower income, 16 market rate apartments. Building will be torn down and new building will replace it.*
  + Mental Health – Chrissy/Sarah
    - *Meeting pending. No updates currently.*
  + EHAF/WHPN – Diane/Ken
    - *Requests are steady. Continuing to fund.*
    - *Will do a presentation in the future.*
* Agency Updates
  + *Sarah from Open Door – Open door has started a family support group. 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month from 6pm-7:30pm. Welcoming children, three counselors available and child care available.*
  + *Womens Community, Hooray for Hollywood on March 14th. Biggest fundraiser of the year. Information on their Website.*
  + *Section 8 applications coming in, but the waitlist has closed. No need to apply. Go back to your applications and get rid of them. No longer can be accepted. Currently accepting applications for scattered sites. 3-4 bedroom waitlist is not large right now.*

1. **Other Updates and Announcements**  5 min
   * United Way Strategic Plan
     + *United Way going through a strategic planning starting in April.*
   * United Way General Updates
     + Impact Reports
     + Work plan updates – After Strategy Session